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## Northwest District Man Sentenced to Ten Years in Prison for Violent Non-Fatal Shooting

WASHINGTON - A 19-year-old Northwest District of Columbia man, Billy D. Williams, was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for a violent shooting of a male individual in 2007, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced.

Williams was found guilty in January 2009 of Assault with Intent to Kill while Armed, Aggravated Assault while Armed, and related weapons offenses.

Williams, of the 4300 block of Third Street, NW, was sentenced before the Honorable Ronna L. Beck of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to a total of ten (10) years of incarceration, to be followed by five (5) years of supervised release once he has served his sentence.

The government's evidence at trial established that a few weeks before the December 17, 2007 shooting, the victim and the defendant got into an argument in front of the victim's home in the 400 block of Webster Street (PSA 404). On December 17, 2007, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the victim parked his car just feet away from his home in that same block after returning from Christmas shopping. As the victim was getting his bags out of the trunk of his car, the defendant walked up from behind and said something to him. When he turned around, he saw the defendant, whom he recognized from Roosevelt High School, holding a gun. From five feet away, the defendant fired three shots, one of which hit the victim in the neck. After falling to the ground, the victim got up and ran to his house. The defendant followed him, firing at least six additional shots. The victim suffered additional gunshot wounds to his jaw, chest, stomach, side, and back.

After nearly two months in the hospital, the victim recovered from his injuries and was able to identify the defendant from a Roosevelt High School yearbook as the shooter, as someone he had seen both at school and in the neighborhood, and as the person he had gotten into an argument with a few weeks before the shooting. The defendant was arrested in May 2008 on a Superior Court of the District of Columbia warrant.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Arthur Richardson, Derek Bell, David Carter, and Collis Timlick; Mobile Crime Technicians Janice Brown, Fred Brown, and Israel Ruiz; and Firearms Examiner Michael Mulderig. He also praised the work of William Henderson of the Litigation Services Department and Paralegal Specialist Tamaya Reid at the U.S. Attorney's Office. Lastly, Mr. Taylor commended Assistant U.S. Attorney George Varghese, who investigated and indicted the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kent, who prosecuted it at trial.

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